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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
 Tatsumi WATANABE, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3632
 Application No.: 09/936,436 : Group Art Unit: 2621
 Filed: September 13, 2001 : Examiner: Duy M. Dang
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 For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND RECORDED MEDIUM.

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of December 15, 2004 wherein an election of Species has been required, Applicant hereby elects Species 7, on which claims 23, 32 and 40 are readable, for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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